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(b) the number of pumping stations in the City electrified already; and

(c) the approximate cost of electrifying each of these pumping stations?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes sir.

" (b) One.

" (c) Rupees two lakhks."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is it a fact that the Corporation of Madras has been approaching the Government of Madras for the grant of loan for electrifying sewage pumping stations for the past five years? If so, will the Government explain why they have been niggardly enough to refuse the loan? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Gentleman may give notice of a separate question."

Appointment of the Civil Supplies employees of Malabar in various departments.

* 19 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) how many employees who were working in the Civil Supplies Department, Malabar, have been reallotted to other departments after passing the Madras Public Service Commission examination;

(b) whether the Government have granted their previous service and increment of pay according to the service rules of the Government; and

(c) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The number of Civil Supplies employees of the Malabar district who have been appointed to the various departments on the results of the Public Service Commission examinations held in February 1952 and June 1952 is *eighty-seven.*

" (b) Temporary employees in the temporary departments including the Civil Supplies Department who were allotted by the Madras Public Service Commission to regular departments on their coming out successful in the competitive examinations held in February 1952 and June 1952 were, as a special case, permitted to count the last continuous spell of their temporary service in the temporary department for the purpose of fixation of their initial pay in the regular departments, although they were not normally entitled to this benefit under the service rules.

" (c) Does not arise."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" When the persons concerned were employed in the Civil Supplies Department, they used to get the

increment. Why do not the Government give the same benefit to them when they are re-employed after they pass the examination conducted by the Madras Public Service Commission? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Appointments in the Civil Supplies Department were temporary. Under the rules those employees were not entitled to increments. But still we have given certain weightage for the service they have already rendered."

Price of paddy seeds supplied through the Agricultural Department.

* 20 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the price of paddy seeds supplied through the Agricultural Department;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that it is higher than the market rate ; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that this higher rate is charged when issuing loans to agriculturists?

THE HON SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Generally, the procurement price paid by the Agricultural Department *plus* 5 per cent towards seed farm premium.

" (*b*) Yes, by a small margin.

" (*c*) The same rate is charged for cash sales and sales against loans by the Agricultural Department."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" After the removal of control, the price of paddy has come down enormously. But still, the department has been charging the higher rate from the agriculturists. Will the Government examine this question and see that if higher prices have been realized from the agriculturists, the excess is paid back to them or is adjusted towards repayment of loans? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" After the removal of control, only the market rates are taken into consideration."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Are the Government aware that the seeds sold by some of these shops do not germinate? Have the Government received any complaint with regard to this matter? If so, will they look into it? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" We do receive complaints of this sort now and then. The Government are doing their best and they cannot take the entire responsibility of supplying seeds through their own depots."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Are the Government aware that the seeds supplied by the Agricultural Department are not only priced high but are bad in quality also? "